



Replacing the Pole / Sleeve on your Lotus Belle Air Bud / Belle Tent

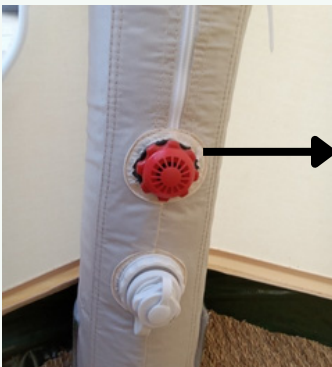


These are the instructions for removing an inner tube from one of our Air Tents. We have used an Air Bud, but the principle is the same for replacing on the Air Belle. If you are replacing both the pole and the sleeve, then follow steps 1-3 to remove your existing pole from the tent, ignore steps 4&5 and start again from step 6.



Step 1:

Undo and remove the air stoppers on the inner tube.



PLEASE NOTE - on the newer versions of the air tents, you will notice an extra red air valve (see image). Please do not unscrew this and make sure not to lose this red valve cover. This is to prevent over-inflation of the tent. This should simply stay screwed in and pop through the sleeve of the tent when removing the tube.



Step 2:

Undo the velcro straps which hold the inflated pole in place in the tent.



Step 3:

Reach into the peak of the tent and find the canvas tie which holds the peak of the poles in place. Undo this, and then pull the whole pole structure and sleeve out of the tent.



Step 4:

Unzip the zip which goes in a horizontal circle around the centre of the pole structure to reveal the inner tube.



Step 5:

Remove the inner tube from the Air Tent sleeve.



Step 6:

Get your new (or existing repaired) pole sleeve and locate the TWO legs which have the holes that can accommodate the air valves.

Locate the TWO air valves on your new tube and match them up with the TWO holes on the sleeves , ensuring that the valves are facing inwards towards the centre of the tent - so that the horizontal zipper is on the inside of the tent when you are done.

It is important that you find both, so that you do not accidentally end up one tube to the left or right of where you are meant to be



Step 7:

Start with the left inner tube with air valve and left sleeve with hole: hold the end of the inner tube and slide it all the way in to the end of the sleeve (pull it up over your arm like you would pull on tights), making sure to keep the tube untwisted as you insert it. You can check this by feeling the seam along the edge of the pole, it should not cross any seams on the sleeve.

Step 8:

Work your way around, inserting all the inner tubes into their respective sleeves. PLEASE NOTE: in pre-2021 models you will not have zippers down the legs of your sleeves - in which case the principle is the same, but the process is a little more tricky as you have to push the inner tube down to the base of your sleeve like inserting a child's foot into a pair of tights - making sure that the tights do not get twisted on the leg as you go.

Step 9:

Now insert the shorter pointy bits of the inner tube into their corresponding sleeves.

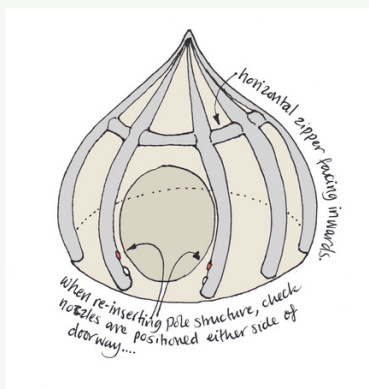
Step 10:

Zip the horizontal zip around the centre of the sleeve / tubes closed. Next, use a cable tie or string to knot the ends of the zippers together (on the central ring there is a little loop to tie a string through) - this part is incredibly important otherwise the zippers can come undone once it is inflated and the air pole will burst out through the hole and have an ugly haemorrhage.



Step 11:

Place the rings on the air valves around the air holes on the inner tube and use the screw on rings to secure in place (on the newer models, also pop through the red valve)



Step 12:

Insert the poles (tube&sleeve) back into the tent, checking that the two poles with air valves are located on either side of the doorway.

Step 13:

Once all the velcro has been re-sealed and is done up, blow the tent up most of the way (do not fully inflate)

Step 14:

It should now be easier to reach in to the top of your tent and re-tie the peaks of the poles into place by threading them one by one on to the canvas strap in the roof of the tent.

